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Thanksgiving Day
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Trash, food waste and recycling collected
on Wednesday, Nov. 27

Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 29

Trash, food waste and recycling collected
on Saturday, Nov. 30



Photo: Ludwig Colindres

Takoma Park native Nick Leonard, who tutors local students in guitar, earlier this year during a performance with metal band Myopic at The Handle Bar Café

The (private) lessons that bind: Tutoring in Takoma Park

By Taylor Dibbert

If you peruse the community board at the Community Center, Takoma Park might seem like it's inundated with tutors sharing knowledge on a range of topics. From a teacher's perspective, what's tutoring really like? What drives these private instructors? For the tutors profiled here, they share both a love for teaching and a sincere appreciation for everything that the Takoma Park community has to offer.

Nick Leonard, 28, was born and raised in Takoma Park. Leonard started taking music seriously in high school and studied it at Montgomery College, where he earned an associate degree in 2015. "Guitar has always been my main instrument," he said. But he's learned how to play sev-

eral other instruments over the years – including drums, the piano and bagpipes.

Leonard is currently in two bands, including a metal band called Myopic. He plays in a choir as well. "Most of my students are guitar students," he said. However, he's also taught bass guitar, piano and drums.

Despite tutoring music not being the easiest way to make a lot of money, he's been teaching for about eight years. He does this work because he truly likes it. He mostly works with kids and teenagers. "I really enjoy seeing them develop their musical skills," he said.

Leonard gets a lot out of it too. Since his students are interested in different

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Takoma Park City Council Adopts 2019–2030 Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, the Takoma Park City Council adopted the 2019–2030 Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan (HEDS) through Resolution #2019-47. This plan positions the City to set affordable housing goals that complement the work of the Board of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Montgomery County Council and take advantage of new funding and investment opportunities, while considering every action through a race equity lens and taking into account climate change resiliency needs.

Mayor Kate Stewart commented, "When we have stable, high-quality housing available for all, families thrive, and our community succeeds. The City took the critical and necessary steps to work toward the realization of the human right to safe, high-quality, and affordable housing and the interrelated right to an adequate standard of living."

As the City looks to meet its critical housing needs, housing development initiatives are interlaced with the City's economic development initiatives, particularly in light of the positive and negative challenges of the coming Purple Line light rail line, the recent closing of the community's hospital in the heart of the city, and changing regional market forces.

The City of Takoma Park is unique in that it has a strong rent stabilization program that has kept its rental housing rates low. With rental units making up approximately half of the City's housing units, Takoma Park provides a large percentage of Montgomery County's affordable rental housing stock. However, single-family home prices in Takoma Park have been rising, and there has been almost no new residential or commercial construction in Takoma Park in 50 years.

Residents looking for townhouses, accessible housing appropriate for multi-generational families, shared housing, housing for adults with special needs, or simply updated apart-

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 18 will be the last regular meeting of the City Council before the holiday recess. The Council will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 11, with the 20th District Delegation for the annual Joint Priorities Meeting.
These City Council meetings will be held in the TPCC Auditorium

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Monday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Nov. 4, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 2, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMPLETE SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, TBA, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

NOISE CONTROL BOARD

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

POLICE CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:45 p.m. (meeting)
TPCC Hydrangea Room
Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. (hearing)
TPCC Council Conference Room

YOUTH COUNCIL

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room
Monday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Schedule changes can occur after the *Takoma Park Newsletter* deadline. For the most up to date information, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov and click on "Events and Meetings." Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Avenue (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly Council agenda and calendar update by e-mail can sign up at takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas.

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City Council Action

Only negative votes or abstentions are reported here. Resolutions and ordinances are published online after adoption.

On **Sept. 18, 2019**, the City Council approved **Resolution 2019-43**, in support of Maryland Community Legacy funding in the amount of \$150,000 to provide grants for the New Hampshire Avenue Signage and Facade Program. Also on **Sept. 18, Ordinances 2019-29 and 2019-30** were adopted approving contracts for services in the amount of \$36,750 each with the Old Takoma Business Association and the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority.

Ordinance 2019-28 was adopted on **Sept. 25, 2019** (first reading of the ordinance took place on **Sept. 18**). The ordinance approved a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Laurel and City of Takoma Park Police Departments. **Ordinance 2019-31** authorized execution of a contract for tree pruning and removal with Excel Tree Experts Company Inc. The contract is for an amount up to \$47,548. The Council authorized purchase of a replacement skid steer from Metro Bobcat Inc. by adoption of **Ordinance 2019-32**. The purchase amount was \$29,000. On the same evening, the Council adopted **Resolution 2019-44**, reappointing Tina Murray (Ward 4) to the Tree Commission.

On **Oct. 2, 2019**, the Council adopted **Ordinance 2019-33** authorizing execution of a contract for economic development services with City Innovate. The up to \$10,000 contract will provide technical assistance, access to their online project management platform, solicitation support, and training around the City's challenged-based procurement program through the Startup in Residence (STIR) network. **Resolution 2019-45** was adopted to reappoint Ellen Maidman-Tanner (Ward 2) to the Ethics Commission. The Council appointed Tawanda Anderson (Ward 1) and Nicole Ferraiolo (Ward 1) to the Grants Review Committee by **Resolution 2019-46**.

On **Oct. 16, 2019**, the Council approved a contract with Public Policy Partners, Inc. to serve as the City's Legislative Advocate by **Ordinance 2019-34**. The first-year contract amount is \$30,000. Also on **Oct. 16**, the Council adopted the 2019-2030 Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan by **Resolution 2019-47**. Councilmember Smith voted no on the resolution.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND A RECEPTION IN NOVEMBER

- Wednesday, Nov. 6 - Presentation on the Montgomery College Math and Science Building Project followed by public Q&A, 6–7 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Wednesday, Nov. 13 - Presentation by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation followed by public Q&A, 6–7 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Wednesday, Nov. 18 - Reception to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Atrium Lobby. At 7:30 p.m. in the City Council meeting, Mayor Stewart will read a proclamation recognizing the anniversary.



Important City Phone Numbers

City Information	301-891-7100
City Clerk	301-891-7267
City Manager.....	301-891-7229
Finance	301-891-7212
Housing & Community Development.....	301-891-7119
Library.....	301-891-7259
Neighborhood Services	301-891-7113
Police	301-270-1100 / Emergency 911
Public Works.....	301-891-7633
Recreation/ Facilities Rental	301-891-7290

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The City Council is seeking applicants for a number of boards, commissions and committees. Takoma Park residency is required unless noted. If you are interested in appointment, please drop in to observe a meeting then submit the online application: <http://bit.ly/bcc-application>. Meetings are posted on the City website calendar. Additional information is available at takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees. Positions are available or terms are expiring on the following:

Arts and Humanities Commission: The Commission advises the City Council on matters involving the arts; encourages and aids in the appreciation, participation, and awareness of the arts; encourages cooperation and coordination among individuals, organizations and institutions concerned with the arts in Takoma Park; and facilities opportunities for artists and supports the development of self-sustaining arts programs.

Board of Elections: The Board plans and conducts City elections in coordination with the City Clerk.

Commemoration Commission: The Commission documents, maintains, and preserves past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives and recognitions in the City and recommends to the City Council procedures and programs for honors and commemorations.

Committee on the Environment: The Committee advises the City Council on

all environmental issues and serves in partnership with the Council and City staff to establish and achieve sustainability and other environmental goals.

Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs: The Commission adjudicates complaints for violations of the City's Landlord-Tenant Relations law; rules on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance; and decides on appeals from the City Manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a rental housing license.

Ethics Commission: The Commission devises, receives and maintains all forms generated by the Ethics Ordinance; provides advisory opinions to persons subject to the Ordinance; hears and decides any inquiry or complaint regarding an alleged violation of the Ethics Ordinance; conducts a public information program regarding the purposes and applications of the Ordinance; recommends legislative changes and improvements to the Ordinance; promulgates regulations to accompany the Ordinance; and provides and annual certification to the State Ethics Commission.

Facade Advisory Board: The Board helps ensure that facade designs and their maintenance are harmonious and consistent with the intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park and provides guidance and assistance to commercial building and business owners seeking permits for facade alterations, signs, and new construction

work. *The vacancy is open to a business or property owner in Old Town or Takoma Junction.*

Grants Review Committee: The Committee evaluates grant applications for funding from the City's Community Quality of Life Grants Program based on established program priorities, guidelines, and available funding. Applicants should have demonstrated expertise in community development, grants management, public arts, or related areas of interest.

Noise Control Board: The Board assists and advises the City on noise control issues, including administration and enforcement of the Noise Control Ordinance, and adjudicates two-party noise disturbance complaints.

Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee: The Committee oversees implementation of and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act.

Recreation Committee: The Committee advises the City Council on how best to serve the diverse recreation needs of Takoma Park residents.

Youth Council: The Youth Council provides an opportunity for Takoma Park youth to acquire greater knowledge and appreciation of local government through participation and helps the City Council address the needs of Takoma Park youth. *There are three vacancies on the Youth Council for residents of Wards 4, 5, or 6. Members must be in grades 7 through 12.*

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ments, cannot find those units in Takoma Park at this time. And, strategies to allow aging residents to remain in Takoma Park have been needed. This plan provides the framework to begin to meet these needs.

New construction as part of economic development efforts spurred by the Purple Line can help address the City's housing and business needs while also improving the appearance and walkability of New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard. Redevelopment of the site of the former Washington Adventist Hospital could help meet community needs in the areas of education, health care and housing.

Councilmember Talisha Searcy, representing the area closest to the Purple Line construction, noted, "The Housing and Economic Strategic Plan establishes the foundation upon which the City can build a thriving community that meets the needs of current and future residents and businesses. The world around us is changing. With the Purple Line and other major

Themes of the Strategic Plan

- Preserve existing businesses and affordable housing in Takoma Park, including in revitalizing areas
- Produce more housing and opportunities for businesses to start and grow across the income spectrum and in neighborhoods across the City to meet the diverse housing and economic needs
- Protect renters, homeowners, and local businesses from discrimination and displacement; and protect our environment from destruction.

projects, such as the redevelopment of the Takoma Park Recreation Center, this document is critical to ensuring that the City is proactive in addressing changing demands and capitalizing on new opportunities."

While zoning for redevelopment near the Purple Line is in place, zoning changes will be required for areas on and near

the hospital site. Montgomery County has master plan and zoning authority for land in Takoma Park. The passing of the Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan provides direction as County zoning changes are pursued and considered.

The plan will be particularly important in taking advantage of the State-designated Opportunity Zone in Takoma Park. The zone covers the area along New Hampshire Avenue near the Purple Line. This area is also an Enterprise Zone. Having the goals and strategies in place will help advance the redevelopment of the Takoma Park Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue, as well as other commercial properties in the Takoma Langley Crossroads area.

Takoma Park's Economic Development Manager Samira Cook Gaines summarized, "The Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan is an exciting leap forward for Takoma Park. It sets the stage for new partnerships and opportunities for growth and equity for our residents

and businesses. I look forward to working with the community and our neighboring jurisdictions to create a thriving, creative, and equitable city for all Takoma Park residents."

Now that the City Council has adopted the plan, staff will refine implementation steps and metrics. During the next four months, the Council will act to implement several key strategies, including adoption of housing targets consistent with those adopted by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and those that may be considered by Montgomery County.

This article is a slightly modified version of the statement published on the City's website Oct. 18: takomaparkmd.gov/city-council-and-mayor-blog/for-immediate-release-city-council-adopts-the-2019-2030-housing-and-economic-development-strategic-plan.

Review the plan online: takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/housing-and-economic-development-strategic-plan

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types of music, that compels him to learn about areas that he otherwise would not. "It [teaching] helps me grow as a musician, and I'm helping them grow into musicians," he remarked. "It's a lot of fun."

Kiran Black, 15, was a student of Leonard's during her 7th and 8th grade years when she attended Takoma Park Middle School. "He was really open to teaching me what I wanted to learn, not just what he thought I should learn," she said. Kiran plays acoustic and electric guitar. "He's a phenomenal teacher."

Mary Linehan, Kiran's mother, also spoke very highly of Leonard. She mentioned that he was "fantastic," always very supportive and that Kiran was quite comfortable being left alone with him. "From a parent's point of view, he was a dream," Linehan says.

Teaching has been a big part of Leonard's musical life. "I've learned a ton through teaching; I know that," he said. It's helped him push his own boundaries and get better at explaining musical concepts. According to him, "Teaching is one of the best things you can do to learn."

Chris Reid is from the United Kingdom, where he taught math before moving to the U.S. He holds a bachelor's in Special Mathematics from the University of Hull. He



Photo: Taylor Dibbert

Nick Leonard, tutor by day musician by night

worked for IBM for two years before becoming a teacher.

Reid, who spent three decades teaching math at a community college in London, came to the U.S. and Takoma Park 2008. "I didn't know what I was going to do when I came over here," he said. "At one point, I even considered doing voice-over." He tried to work at community colleges but was turned down because he doesn't hold a master's degree. "I didn't need one in the U.K.," he said.

That led him to tutoring. He's been affiliated with a few tutoring companies through the years and started to take



Photo: Taylor Dibbert

Chris Reid, private math tutor since 2009

private students of his own in December 2009.

He tutors students in Takoma Park and elsewhere in the Washington, D.C. area. Reid mostly teaches high school students. He loves math. "It's fantastic," he said. "I'm basically getting paid to do something I love."

Viviana Labarca, a senior at Montgomery Blair High School, worked with Reid from October 2018 to May 2019; he was helping her with AP Calculus BC. "Chris is really friendly, but definitely organized," she said. Labarca always felt like she accomplished something during each session, and she appreciated that Reid is so approachable and easy to talk to. "I couldn't have asked for anything better," she said.

Barbara Gorin became a private tutor in December 2013. She graduated from SUNY-Binghamton in 1976 with a bachelor's in mathematics. After completing her undergraduate studies, she spent another year at SUNY-Binghamton in a master's program for math education. Later in life, she almost finished a master's in secondary math education at Queens College, City University of New York.

She previously taught math at Benjamin Cardozo High School, a magnet school in New York City, for six-and-a-half years. She moved to the Washington, D.C. area



Photo: Taylor Dibbert

Barbara Gorin, former public-school math teacher turned tutor

in 1993 and taught math in public schools, including Springbrook Highschool in Colesville, where she taught for five years, and Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. While Gorin lives in Colesville, she spends plenty of time in Takoma Park.

"I'm never going make a lot of money at this [tutoring]," Gorin said, mentioning that she won't necessarily stop a lesson at the end of an hour (that has been paid for). "I cut off when we're done," she said.

Gorin noted the importance of finding new students through word-of-mouth. For her tutoring, she's had students as young as fourth grade, and she's tutored adults as well. She's also a Morris dancer and one of the most senior members of the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, with whom she's been playing viola since 1993. Her passion for music and dancing means that she's in Takoma Park regularly for practice and rehearsals.

Gorin she loves teaching and gets great satisfaction from helping her students learn. Through her tutoring, she's able to help the kids she believes need it the most — which is something she particularly likes: "When you can explain something that gives that kid an a-ha moment, that's my favorite thing."



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

Everyone Counts in Montgomery County



2020 Census: Be counted

Jurisdictions across the country are gearing up for the 2020 Census. Getting accurate counts is extremely important, as the numbers are used to determine how federal and state dollars are distributed at the local level. City staff have been working closely with the county in planning for how we get the word out to residents.

Educational materials will be posted online and distributed throughout the City, including to businesses and in apartment buildings, a new website that provides pertinent information about the Census and a social

media campaign in the works, and we'll also be assisting the County with recruiting efforts for canvassers needed to confirm address lists and characteristics of the types of dwellings. This information ensures that residents will be invited to participate in the census and that the census counts residents in the correct location.

The 2020 Census will be available to complete online as well as in print and over the phone. More information can be found at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/census.

Rental housing license renewals

Rental Housing licenses expire at the end of the calendar year. Property owners with annual licenses and those with biennial licenses expiring in 2019 will receive reminders this month that it is time to renew.

Renewals are done online, through the housing portal. Once the renewal application is submitted, the licensing fee for the next year (or two years, depending on the type of license) must be paid.

As long as inspections and landlord certifications associated with the rental property are up to date, the City will renew the license upon receipt of the application and fee.

If you are not sure if your inspec-

tions and certification are up to date or if the rental property in which you live is licensed by the City, Contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119 or housing@takomaparkmd.gov.

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What's wrong with plastic straws?

Plastics have been with us since 1950. In a short 70 years, 9 billion metric tons have been produced (and production continues to increase), of which more than 6 billion metric tons remain with us as solid waste. It may seem like a small thing, but small things add up. Consider some facts:

- Global momentum has built to phase out single-use plastics.
- Plastic straws are one of the top items found in shoreline clean-ups and our local waterways.
- Plastic takes centuries to decompose

and breaks down into smaller pieces.

- Marine animals mistake the small plastic bits for food.
- Volunteers taking part in a recent trash cleanup of the Anacostia River collected more than 4,000 straws.
- Phasing out plastic straws is one step toward a sustainable future.

The City will implement a plastic straw and stirrer ban in January 2020, which will affect all food and beverage establishments. But until then, please ask yourself, "Do I need a straw at all?"

Adopt-a-Spot

Have you ever thought about adopting a spot? These people did!

Adopt-a-Spot allows individuals or groups to adopt areas located within Takoma Park for regularly scheduled litter pick-ups. The City recognizes the individual or group with a sign bearing the group's name at the spot. The City will also provide cleaning equipment, such as trash bags and gloves.

Examples of eligible locations include parks, landmarks, schools, vacant lots, walkways or trails, campuses, public grounds, or any sites prone to litter.

Contact Neighborhood Services at 301-891-7113 or neighborhoodservices@takomaparkmd.gov.



Home Energy Efficiency

Autumn is a good time to assess and address your home's efficiency as we wait for recommendations on City actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Did you know you can borrow a thermal scanner or a wattage meter from the library? And the City's sustainability program web page (takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability) lists City and utility rebates for single family homes. Besides excellent utility programs, the City also offers up to \$500 in rebates based on energy savings.

For low- and moderate-income households some efficiency upgrades are free. And there are separate offerings for multifamily buildings.



African Dance Party with Radio Legend Georges Collinet

Night of Music and Storytelling with Georges Collinet

Nov. 22, 8 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue

Free Event with \$10 Suggested Donation

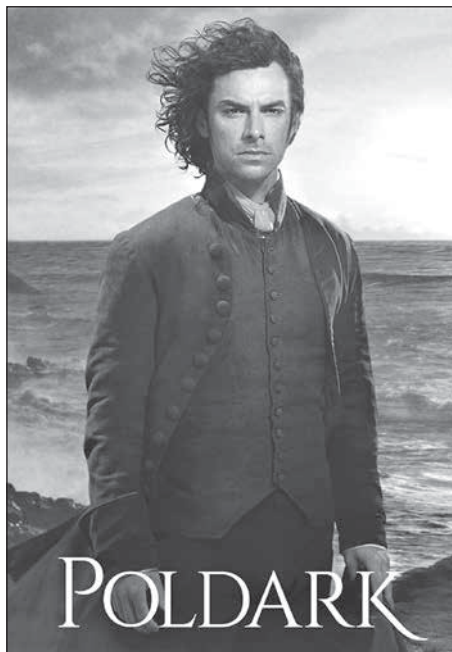
Legendary radio host Georges Collinet has shared an eclectic mix of African music with a worldwide audience during more than half a century on air. He will tell stories about his life of radio programming in and about Africa and will share rare unseen video and audio footage from his life's journey and friendships with Africa's biggest stars.



D.C. Highlife Stars

Eme and Michael, hosts of the popular Jolly Papa African music program on Takoma Radio, will serve as emcees and lead their D.C. Highlife Stars and Friends band that will take the stage after Collinet. Featuring musicians from Cameroon, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, and the United States, they will ignite the scene with their unique blend of classic highlife and rumba along with newer hits. You'll need to get off your seat and on your feet!

Beginning in 1965, Georges "Maxi Voom Voom" Collinet was the host of the wildly popular *Bonjour l'Afrique* show on Voice of America, broadcasting his booming, exuberant voice and diverse musical tastes via shortwave to the globe and making him a household name throughout Africa. He also has been the voice of Afropop Worldwide for 30 years, which is nationally syndicated and airs weekly on Takoma Radio.



Poldark's Cornwall: Fantasies and Realities of Georgian England

Lecture by University of Maryland scholar Julie Taddeo

Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue

Free Event

In the wildly popular British TV series *Poldark*, the fantasies of Georgian England and its historical realities aren't far apart. Captain Ross Poldark, a fictional character from a series of novels by British author Winston Graham, returns defeated after fighting in the American War of Independence to discover his Cornwall estate in ruins and his former fiancée engaged to his cousin. He then buckles down and reopens his family's copper mines, marries his kitchen servant, and fights for economic and social justice for his employees.

University of Maryland scholar Julie

Taddeo will share her insights about Poldark and late 18th-century England during the tumultuous birth of the Industrial Revolution. She will delve into political corruption, conflicts over religion and marriage, and the social customs and fashions of daily life in Cornwall and London. Taddeo has published articles and books about Edwardian London, British period drama TV series, and other historical topics.

Third Thursday poetry

Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue

Free Event

Four prominent local poets will read their work on a wide variety of themes with a reception following the reading

I close my eyes and count to ten
Waiting for what was and could've been
Breathing in the moments to come
Exhaling those lost
I close my eyes and count to ten
Yearning for what will and dreading what won't
Tolerating the present
Overwrought for the future
I close my eyes and lose count of my prayers
Led astray from what I need and what I have
And when I lift my lids
I am stranded
Between the imprecation heard and those unspoken
I am then lost but soon found
—NaBeela Washington

where the audience can meet the poets, including Judith Bowles, Jona Colson, Kristin Ferragut, and NaBeela Washington.

Bowles earned her MFA at American University where she taught creative writ-

ing. Colson's first poetry collection, *Said Through Glass*, won the 2018 Jean Feldman Poetry Prize from the Washington Writers' Publishing House. Ferragut's poetry has been published in several journals, and she is a regular contributor at local open mic poetry nights. Washington is pursuing a master's degree in creative writing and poetry at Southern New Hampshire University.

14th Annual Takoma Park Holiday Art Sale

Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue

Free Event

The popular Takoma Park Holiday Art Sale returns on Dec. 7 for its 14th year, offering a wide variety of original handmade work by local artists, including fine art, photography, jewelry, clothing, pottery, crafts, and more! Buy your holiday gifts early and support local artists who make Takoma Park a creative place to live and shop.

Community Stories Film Festival

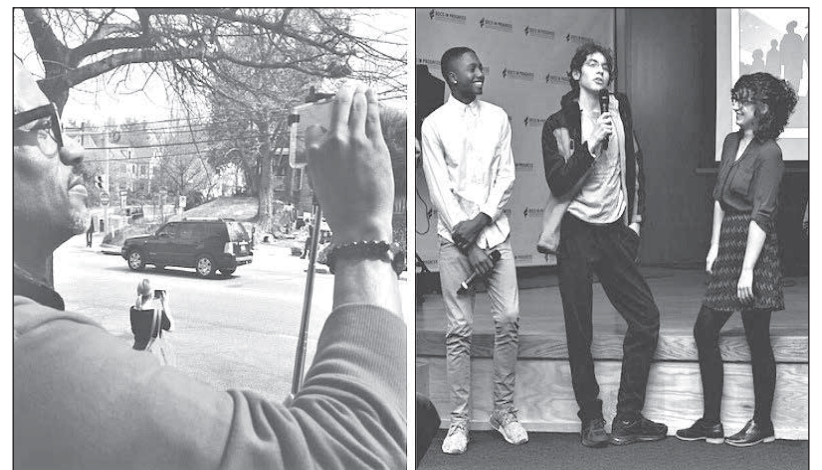
Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free Event

Celebrate local filmmakers and local stories at the opening screening of the 10th annual Community Stories Festival. Organized by Docs in Progress, the free festival will feature short documentaries on local topics, including videos made in Takoma Park by youth from spring and summer camps. Come enjoy the films, meet the filmmakers, and learn more about the people, places, and happenings in our community.

This screening is sponsored by the City of Takoma Park's *Takoma Park Arts* cultural series. The full schedule of



festival films and locations is available at www.docsinprogress.org/communitystories.

RECREATION

YOUTH

ART

Gift Making Workshop

Participants create seasonal artwork that may be given as gifts to friends and family. The first workshop will focus on using hand-building techniques to create one-of-a-kind sculptures, the second on glazing with food-safe glazes. There will be a \$10 materials fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
6–12 years
2 Day Session
Saturdays, 10:15–11:15 a.m.
December 7 & 14
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45

CAMPS



Winter Break Camp

Come experience Winter Break Camp with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their break with games, group activities and crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of fun. Paperwork will need to be submitted prior to first day. Please bring a lunch and snack with you daily. There will be no camp on Monday - Wednesday, December 23-25, 2019 and January 1, 2020. Before Care and After Care available for an additional fee. Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5–12 years
4 Day Session
Thursday, Friday, Monday & Tuesday
December 26, 27, 30, 31
9–4 p.m.
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$120

SPORTS



Winter Basketball League 2020

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to introduce youth to the fundamentals of basketball; emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning by not establishing league standings or having playoffs/championship games but rather encourage personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun; provide comparable

playing time for all participants; and meet new kids from community and surrounding areas. Practice times (1 hour a week) vary throughout the week at various local schools. Games are held on Saturdays; times vary. Volunteer coaches wanted. Specific details regarding each league will be available on: takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league.

Team Assignments: Co-ed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants.

Special Requests: Requests must be submitted through ActiveNet at time of registration. Various Local Schools
Gymnasiums
Kindergarten-8th Grade
8 Week Season
Games starting Saturdays, January 18
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

TEENS

DROP-IN

Teen Lounge

This special room is for teens only (Middle School and High School students)! You are welcome to watch two 50-inch and one 70-inch LED SMART TVs. We also have X-Box One and Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Ongoing
Monday Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
3:30–7 p.m.
Tuesdays
3:30–6 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Free

Power Hour

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics and fun. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or to read. Staff is available to assist and can review the completed assignments. Upon completion of work, students are invited to lounge, play games, and/or participate in activities. Registration is not required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Monday-Thursday
3:30–4:30 p.m.
Free

Xpression Tuesdays

Allow your imagination and creative juices to come alive on Tuesdays in the Teen Lounge. Join Teen Lounge Staff as you express yourself through art. Create pieces that you can take home or leave in the Teen Lounge as a display. We are always looking for more ideas of ways to create and express ourselves.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Tuesdays, through Dec 17
4:30–5:30 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Creative Cooking with Crossroads

The Healthy Eating Program is a fun and interactive hour learning course about basic cooking and kitchen skills as well as healthy recipes (easy to replicate at home). Teens will be able to learn some nutritional components and how to create their own recipes. Teens will also take a trip to the Crossroad's Farmers market and learn about growing and

purchasing the right foods. Instruction will be provided by Crossroads Farmers Market. Transportation to the Community Kitchen will be provided.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge (Meeting location)
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Mondays, November 4-December 16
3:45–4:45 p.m.
TP Resident: \$5 / Non-resident: \$10

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cornucopia Celebration

Join the Teen Program for a night to celebrate a season of gratitude. Participate in creating thankful crafts, silly games and fun activities. End the evening with a family style dinner courtesy of the Takoma Park Recreation Department's Teen Program Division. Transportation is not provided. Meet us there!

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 6–12
Friday, November 8
6–9 p.m.
Free



Teen Ugly Sweater Holiday Party

Come out and see who wins the prize for the Ugliest Sweater! The evening will include dreidel games, gingerbread houses, Kwanzaa gift exchange, food, music, fun and more. Transportation is not provided. Meet us there!

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 6–12
Friday, December 13
6–9 p.m.
Free

TRIPS

Frost Bite – Winter Break Trips

Don't want to be stuck in the house during winter break or tired of going to the same hang out spots? Break the routine and have some fun! Join us during winter break as we take exciting trips to enjoy our break. Advanced registration is required. *Some trips may require admission and/or money for food. Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge (meeting location)
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
December 30: Laser Tag
December 31: Main Event
10 a.m.–4 p.m.
(Price Per Trip) TP Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45



Movies & Dave N Busters Trip

Let's all head to the movies and afterwards we'll get to release our energy into healthy

competitions at Dave N Busters in Downtown Silver Spring.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge (meeting location)
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Tuesday, November 12
1–6 p.m.
TP Resident: \$10 / Non-resident: \$20

ADULTS

ART



Clay in the Studio

A great class for homeschoolers, flexible schedules and generally clay-curious. Students will utilize a variety of hand-building techniques (slab, pinch, coil) to create functional and non-functional vessels and sculptures out of clay. Caregiver participation required with young children (Ages 4–6). Adult students (Ages 16+) with experience may use the studio's electric wheels. Beginners are welcome. There is a \$20 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4 and older
Wednesdays, through December 11
10–11:30 a.m.
(No class: 11/22)
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

FITNESS

Ladies Boot Camp

A challenging workout within a quick hour, this total body program includes a circuit of drills, such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. Students are required to bring their own mats. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Session
Tuesdays and Thursdays
November 5-December 19
6:30–7:30 p.m.
\$75
Drop-in: \$10

Zumba

Come out and enjoy an hour of Zumba. Zumba is a total workout, combining all elements of fitness with cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Zumba takes the work out of workout, by mixing low and high intensity moves. The class will incorporate Latin music that will easily move you through your workout. Instructor: Laura Stewart
Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
Saturdays, through November 23
11:45 a.m. –12:45 p.m.
Drop in: \$10

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Karate Self-Defense

55+

Game Room Open Play

The game room is available for adults age 55 and older to play pool, table tennis, basketball arcade and other active games. The game room is a great place to join friends for lively conversation, and just to “hang out” before, in-between and after classes during the day.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Game Room
55 and older
Ongoing
Monday, Thursday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Free

Heart & Core

Move to the high energy beat to pump up the heart rate followed by 20 minutes of Pilates core floor workout to strengthen the area from shoulders through hips. Bring your own

mat. Registration is required to participate.
Instructor: Nancy Nickell
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Saturdays, through November 23
9:15–10:30 a.m.
\$5

This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing tennis skills utilizing special equipment for indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own racket. Registration is required. Instructor: Coach SJ

See Article Below!

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
Thursdays, through November 21
12–1 p.m.
\$5

**See Article
Below!**

TRIPS



Laurel, MD
Friday, November 8, 8:45 a.m.–3 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
Recreation Office
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older

For more information contact Paula Lisowski,
seniors program manager, at 301-891-7280
or paula@takomaparkmd.gov. Registration
is required. For trip details and procedures
please see the Forever Young Fall 2017
newsletter online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/
government/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation).

There were so many awesome costumes to choose from!

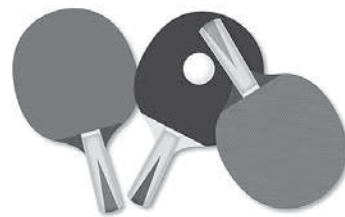


Table Tennis Popularity and Growth: What's Old is New Again

Along with vinyl records, food trucks and arcade bars, Table Tennis, better known as Ping Pong, is steadily gaining in popularity with people of all ages especially active adults ages 55 and older. Popular for more than 100 years, table tennis is a fast game that requires quick thinking and flexibility to reach for shots and fast footwork thus creating a fun game that can help keep players physically active and mentally sharp. A 2014 Korean study, published in the *Journal of Exercise Rehabilitation*, found that exercises requiring the use of tools, such as a paddle and ball in table tennis, had a more positive effect on cognitive function than other activities such as dancing, walking, gymnastics and resistance training. Table tennis is a great sport for people to play at any level and a wonderful way to make friends.

During the past 10 years, there has been an increase in the popularity of the game

JOIN US AND HAVE
FUN WHILE
YOU EXERCISE!



and number of table tennis players ages 55 and older at the Takoma Park Community Center. This year a second Table

Tennis Skills class led by Coach Donn Olsen was added to address the growing demand, and many of these players meet

during the week to socialize and practice their skills. Ms. Kidist Gobezie said, "Coach Olsen is wonderful. The class is full of friendly people and it keeps me active. Coach Olsen's attention to detail and easy stress-free method to teach makes this a fun class."

Other students are pleased with the class as well, such as, Ms. Elli Kerlow who said, "Table tennis is a perfect game for older adults; it's low impact, very social and uses your brain." And Barry Hinderstein who said, "I've been playing table tennis in Takoma Park's recreation program for eight years. It keeps me active and it's fun!"

New players are always welcomed to join in the fun whether you are a novice or old pro. For more information about open play times and instructional classes, see the Fall 2019 City Guide or visit tako-maparkmd.gov/recreation.

LIBRARY



Francie shows the dedication page of *Ants Don't Wear Pants*, on which she is credited with giving author/illustrator Kevin McCloskey the idea to include exploding ants.

Two annual favorite programs

We've got two popular programs coming up! First, Eaglebear returns with family and friends on Monday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m. For nearly two decades, Eaglebear, aka Tomas Shash, has been bringing songs, dances and stories from his Apache and Xicano cultures to the Takoma Park community as part of our celebration of Native American Heritage Month. All ages are welcome at this event!

Then, on Thursday evening, Dec. 19, the library will host another beloved program – our annual Winter Solstice Celebration. We'll begin at 6:30 p.m. with a drum circle led by local musician Bill

Jenkins. He'll provide all the percussion instruments, so everyone in the audience – even babies! – can play along. Then, at 7:30 p.m., the Foggy Bottom Morris Men will swoop in with their high spirits, dances and songs. It's a fun way to welcome the winter season, and all ages are welcome.

Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring these programs – and others – each year. For more information about the Friends of the Library, please check their Facebook page or go to <https://ftpml.org>.

College and career online resources

In addition to printed materials, the library has a wealth of online college and career resources – all free with your library card! To access these resources, have your library card at hand, and go to www.takomapark.info/library, then click on the “online resources” button. Next, click on the “college and career” icon. You'll see two choices: “Career Guidance Center” or “Test Preparation.” Click on one, then put in your library number, and you're good to go.

In the “Career Guidance Center,” you'll find in-depth information about 140 different industries and career fields as well as thousands of professions. In addition, you can access many different career advice articles, as well as a section on college planning, including timelines, help with choosing a college and college major, and applying for student loans. Another section focuses on career skills, including putting together a resume, writing cover letters, preparing for interviews, etc. One other helpful section provides 101 tips for college graduates, including work skills, leader-

ship skills, etc.

In the “Test Preparation” resources, you'll first be asked to choose what kind of student you are: high school, college, etc. Depending on your answer, you'll be led to different sections of the database. For example, if you click “high school,” you'll find information and practice tests for the SAT and ACT, AP subject area tests, and more. Other sections for high school students focusing on searching for a college or scholarship, getting basic general skills and preparing for the high school equivalency exam. Another example, if you click “career” as your status, then you'll be led to sections with career advice as well as career-specific practice tests, including ones for teachers, the American Foreign Service, nurses, real estate, and many more.

It's easy to use these great free resources! All you need is your Takoma Park Maryland Library card.

CALENDAR

Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.

Led by Senora Geiza

Petites Chansons

Saturday, Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m.

Led by Madame Marie

Build a Bird-Feeder

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2:30–4:30

Kids ages 5–10 can create a bird feeder from recycled materials. Registration required; spaces limited.

LEGO Club

Sunday, Nov. 3, 1:30–3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3–10.

Eaglebear Returns!

Monday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

Eaglebear returns with family & friends for our annual celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

Bedtime Stories & a Craft

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Join Ms. Kati for some bedtime fun.

Friends of the Library Big Book Club

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, Nov. 20 and Dec. 4

The Friends Big Book club continues discussion series of *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner. All welcome!

Kids Author Andrea Beaty & Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart

Friday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m.

Beaty will discuss her new picture book, *Sofia Valdez, Future Prez*, with Mayor Stewart.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, November 12, 4 p.m.

Come read some great comics!

Picture Book Author Minh Le

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Le, an award-winning author and Takoma Park resident, will present his newest book, *The Perfect Seat*, illustrated by Gus Gordon.

Kids Art

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2–3 p.m.

Come make art with Ms. Kati

Kids Authors Innosanto Nagara & Hena Khan

Monday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Nagara and Khan will talk about the importance of activism for all ages as they discuss Nagara's new book, *M Is For Movement*.

Alternative Games

Nov. 24, 2–4 p.m.

Join Dave Burbank for a rousing session of *Dungeons & Dragons*. Ages 8 up.

Caldecott Club

Monday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m.

We'll be reading and discussing books that are great possibilities for the 2020 Caldecott Medal. Lemonade and cookies served.

COMING UP...

- **LEGO Club**, Sunday, Dec. 1, 1:30–3 p.m.
- **Bedtime Stories & a Craft**, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.



Babymouse creators Jenni and Matt Holm present their newest picture book, *The Evil Princess Vs. the Brave Knight*.

Library detailed design and floodplain study moving along

To kick off the detailed design process, the City's architect, Greg Lukmire, met with library staff last month to reorient them to the current concept designs and solicit feedback about operational needs and interests. There had been some delay related to the preparation and review of the contract with the architect after the City Council's last action regarding the project. Detailed design, including the preparation of construction documents and permitting, is expected to last 12–13 months. Consistent with the Resolution passed by the City Council, the architect is expected to come back before the council when he reaches the point where more specific information on construction cost estimates can be obtained, which would be before any work on construction documents would begin. This should be about halfway through the detailed design process, sometime in spring 2020. The floodplain study is also proceeding – if you see surveyors on the property, that's probably why!

21st Annual Takoma Park Alternative Gift Fair



Little shopper pays for his gifts



Welcome to a hall full of happy, caring people



Kids decorate cookies for the homebound

What's an Alternative Gift Fair?

- It's a fun holiday bazaar where "shopping" means donating money to non-profits in the name of your loved ones. For your donation you get a certificate to drop into a holiday card. Shoppers also give these certificates for birthdays, weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and other events.
- It's where you learn about locally based charities serving local, regional, and international needs. There is a cause for everyone on your shopping list.
- It brightens the experience of giving at holiday time by supporting worthy causes you care about.

All charities are represented by their own staff and volunteers eager to share their mission and message. Gifts are priced from \$10 to \$100. Here's a sample of the types of gifts available for purchase:

- A poetry-writing workshop for incarcerated youth in the DC jail
- Food basics for a week for a needy im-

- migrant family in the DC area
- Education for girls at a school in Central America

Why alternative gifts?

Because most people are not satisfied with the holiday gift exchange. Each year, millions face holiday shopping with fear,

stress and anxiety. A recent poll found that 84% of Americans would prefer a less materialistic holiday. Another reported that 85% of Americans like spending time with friends and family a lot, while only 17% placed the same priority on getting lots of presents. The good news is, we can still express our love through gift-giving,

and make shopping meaningful, enjoyable, and even inspirational at the Alternative Gift Fair.

Bring the whole family

A supervised Kids Corner with special staff will entertain your children while you shop. Or get a free massage. At the "Eat One/Share One" cookie booth run by Girl Scouts, kids can decorate and donate cookies for the homebound. The event also features live music appropriate for the season and great raffle prizes contributed by local businesses. Enjoy sweet and savory delectables at the AGF bake sale.

Make a difference

100% of the gifts you purchase go to the charities, no matter how you pay: cash, check or credit card. Prices start at \$10. All gifts are tax-deductible and include a certificate to drop into a holiday card. Holiday shopping done with the joy of giving!

When: Saturday, Dec. 7, 12-4 pm

Where: Takoma Park Presbyterian Church

310 Tulip Avenue (corner of Tulip & Maple), three blocks from the Takoma Metro Station, Takoma Park, MD 20912

What: 16 locally based non-profits working on local, national and international causes talk with "shoppers" and explain their work.

Sponsored By: Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington (www.aggw.org), the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, and Crossroads Community Food Network, with the participation of the Takoma Park Child Development Center and Girl Scout Troop 1456

For information/or to volunteer: Contact Mimi Ikle-Khalsa, Fair Director at 301-613-6830 or aggw_inc@yahoo.com.



The Community Police Academy begins Tuesday, January 7, 2020

The Community Police Academy is a 13-week long program consisting of one class a week on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The classes cover topics such as patrol, traffic enforcement, use of force, criminal investigations, canine, firearms, crisis negotiation, etc. The presentations are slide show/lecture style and will be given by officers, detectives and civilians of the Takoma Park Police Department. There will also be multiple opportunities for hands-on learning through equipment demonstrations, practical scenarios, field trips and ride-alongs with patrol officers.

The Takoma Park Police Department believes that educating the community will result in gaining their understanding and support. Through implementation of the Community Police Academy, the community will gain new insight into how law enforcement officers perform their duties. The success of any law enforcement agency depends largely upon the amount of cooperation and support it receives from the community it serves. To hear what



Community Police Academy
2019

others have said about the academy, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/community-policing/community-police-academy.

The Community Police Academy is free

to the public. Seats are limited to the first 25 students and will be filled based on a first come/first serve basis. The Takoma Park Police Department encourages all applicants to be able to commit to the full 13

weeks to get the most out of the program.

If you are interested in learning about the Takoma Park Police Department and local government, you are 18 years of age or older, and live or work in Takoma Park, you may apply. The applicants may not have any serious misdemeanor or any felony offenses.

Applications for the Community Police Academy are available at the Takoma Park Police Department located at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. You may also access the application on, fill it out and submit it electronically to Cathy Plevy: <https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/kb2evbr4rbj7>. **The deadline to turn in a completed application is Friday, December 20, 2019.**

Any questions about the Community Police Academy can be directed to the Public Information Officer, Cathy Plevy, at 301-891-7142 or cathyp@takomapark-md.gov.



THE FIREHOUSE
REPORT
By Jim Jarboe

As of September 2019, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 398 fire-related incidents in 2019. The department also addressed or assisted with rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,448. Totals for 2018 were 451 and 2,262, representing an increase 100 incidents.

During September, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 971.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 928.5 in 2018. Grand totals as of September 2019 were 9,662 hours compared to 9,749 in 2018, a decrease of 87 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of Oct. 28, 2019, 46 people have died in fires compared to 54 in 2018.

Hot vehicle deaths

As of Oct. 28, 2019, 51 children across the country have died in hot vehicles. This brings the grand total to 848 since 1998.

Safety Message

Thanksgiving Day is around the corner, and we must be careful when cooking. Never leave cooking unattended. It's still the Number One Cause of home fires. **Special Note:** There are more fires during Thanksgiving than any other day during the year.

Kudos

On Oct. 17, the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association held it's 2019 Annual Meeting. The following members of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department received honors: Chief James Jarboe, Marcine Goodloe President's Award; EMS Lieutenant Jorge Alfaro, Hall of Fame; and Auxiliary Secretary Ashlee Willey, Administrative Member of the Year. Congratulations to all!



New Babysitters Club Graduates

On Oct. 20, the following individuals completed the Takoma Park VFD Babysitters Class: (Seated Left to Right) Beatrice Cole-Mullin, Sarah Minicozzi, Clementine Higgins, Abigail Jackson; (Standing Left to Right) Gleanor Perese, Katherine Olson, Neo White, Lillan Coleman, Phoebe Buff, Ann Marie Smith; Not pictured Jayden Jones, Gavin Massaya and Omari Atkins. Thanks to the following for their assistance from TPVFD: Tina Willey, Ashlee Willey, Ntshiuwa Sato Bess and Nissi Powell, and from the TPPD Sgt. Gregory Wolff.



Power up Before the
Power Goes Down

Claudine Schweber, co-chair, Takoma Park,
Emergency Preparedness Committee



You likely heard about the power outage in northern California in October: 50,000 homes without power! There was advance warning; the power was shut down by the Pacific electric power company PG&E. You know what a shutdown means: no lights; no working refrigerator or freezer; no using a microwave or electric stove; no computer games or email, no Netflix, etc. This also means there's time to be prepared. Winter is almost here, and with it comes the possibility of storms and power outages, so here's a checklist for powering up before the power goes down.

Before the Power Goes Out

POWER PREPAREDNESS ITEM	DONE	TO DO; deadline
Get advance warning: Sign up for Takoma Alerts. takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert		
Identify alternative power sources: Keep several working flashlights on each floor and easily accessible (No, you cannot easily find one in the dark.); test them periodically. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DO NOT light candles!• Have several extra working batteries available and test they are still good (and know where they are!)		
Make provisions for medical equipment: If your life or someone else's depends on electricity for emergency medical and life-support equipment, such as respirators, kidney dialysis machines, sign up for Emergency Medical Equipment Notification Program. www.pepco.com/my-home/service-requests/emergency-medical-equipment-notification-program		
Obtain a back-up generator: It's important to have full-back up generation (full 3phase load). Once a month hook up the generator to your system as you would if the power was out and run it full load for a while.		
Get at least one portable cell phone charger: Charge it periodically to make sure it's on full power.		
Keep contact information for Pepco readily available: Enter the Pepco # (1-877-737-2662) in your cell phone.		
Develop an action plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make a list of the items you need that rely on electricity, such as medication that needs to be kept cold.• Keep a three-day supply of nonperishable food• Contact neighbors who might need help if the power goes out.		
Check and update your emergency plan to make sure you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a list of medical needs and doctors' contact information• a contact list (local and out of area)• an established meeting place if you are separated from family• radio and batteries• a grab bag (items you need if you need to leave for a while)		

During a Power Outage

DO NOT use a gas stove to heat your home. Have extra warm clothing; identify another place to go if the cold is too strong.		
Use generators outdoors and away from windows.		
Do not use candles for lighting or heat.		
Keep freezers and refrigerators closed.		
Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.		

Got that? Let's see:

If the power goes out in the evening, you should: A) wander outside looking for lighted area; B) know where there are working flashlights, battery lanterns, fresh batteries; keep a working flashlight nearby; C) light candles, they look so pretty D) search drawers and closets for flashlight batteries, you know you have them somewhere
Answer: B!

Contact us tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126. Listen to Bea(trice) Prepared on WOWD/Talk of Takoma on the first Sunday of each month.



Mentoring matters

By Taylor Dibbert

Denise Jones, a 2019 Azalea Award winner in the mentor category, is a long-time Takoma Park resident who moved here in 1995. In her family, education was highly valued; she grew up understanding that having a solid education gives people more opportunities in life. This line of thinking aligns nicely with her work as a mentor.

"Everything that I've done has been about helping people ... to help them to build capacity and have greater choice." And, for Jones, "that's especially true when I'm working with young people and people of color."

"I'm firmly committed to helping people to live their best life," she said. Jones founded Brass Ring Company five years ago; it's an educational and support services business. The company offers capacity-building for youth, teens and adults. There are a variety of programs, and the company also works on parent engagement.

She's been involved in mentoring for more than 15 years. Initially, Jones was writing mentoring programs upon request. Brass Ring Company is her effort to "pull all of that together under my own heading." Creating her own business has been both "a scary ride" and "exhilarating" for her. It's also "been very rewarding in so many ways," she said.



Photo: Taylor Dibbert

Denise Jones, 2019 Azalea Award winner in the mentor category

Jones now has 10 programs, including a job readiness programs for youth and adults, cultural arts programs for kids and programs related to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) for kids. Mentoring can also be challenging work. "All kids are not cookie-cutter," she said. Kids come with a variety of per-

sonalities and a variety of needs. Trying to manage a diverse group of students can be difficult, particularly if the group is too large. According to her, it's hard to manage a class of more than 12 to 15 children.

Brass Ring Company (which is actually a team of one) partners with various people and organizations. The company's

institutional partner is Carpe Diem Arts, where Jones serves as the community engagement director. Brass Ring Company and Carpe Diem Arts, which brings visual, literary and performance arts to communities of all ages, have "similar ideas about supporting community-building," Jones said, describing her mentoring programs as "art-infused."

She's passionate about helping others to aim high and go after opportunities that they might not be aware of. "I try to let kids know that they are capable and that they can learn all the things that they need to live their best life," she said. "I am encouraging." She believes in experiential learning and provides opportunities for children to work with their hands.

"The reason why I do this work is because ... if you are not aware of the skills and mindset and opportunities early enough, then you miss out on those opportunities," she said. "If I can let parents and youth know that these opportunities are out there, and this is what is required for you to take advantage of those things, then I feel like I'm helping."

"I don't actually see the fruits of my labor because I'm pouring into people something that they will take to use later," she said. Though Jones does see "a-ha moments" along the way, which is gratifying: "I know that what I'm doing matters."

STAY CONNECTED!

The City of Takoma Park strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways:

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Passport Services

Passport services are available on first come, first served basis Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center on the second floor. Takoma Park staff encourage calling the City's main phone number at 301-891-7100 and checking if the office is open before departing for the Community Center for passport services.

For additional information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports.



SHIFTING THE PARADIGM

A NIGHT OF COLLECTIVE IMAGINATION

Join us for a night of collectively envisioning the future!

Come see the premiere of
Gandhi Brigade Youth Media's Summer 2019 Student Film,
"The Paradigm Shift(s)"
and enjoy performances by artists who are dreaming up a radical, just future.

When: Tuesday November 5th, 2019
Where: Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center
(7995 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910)

6pm-7pm - Reception with free food, art exhibit, tarot readings, and more!

7pm - 8:30pm - Main program in the auditorium

This event is free and open to the community.
To reserve your free tickets, go to bit.ly/shiftingparadigm

MC MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

GANDHI BRIGADE YOUTH MEDIA

NOVEMBER '19

Do you have an item for the city calendar?

Do you have an item for the city calendar? Let us know if you have a nonprofit event that would be of interest to City of Takoma Park residents, and we'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the December issue is Nov. 8, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Nov. 22. To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov. "TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

City Council

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Monday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Veterans Day - City Offices Closed

Monday, Nov. 11
All City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Nov. 11, for the Veterans Day. The Takoma Park Police Department is always open for emergencies.

Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28–29
All City offices and facilities will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is always open for emergencies.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, noon – 3 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com
www.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
A beloved local tradition, the 30-minute program of songs, fingerplays, rhymes, movement exercises and stories teach early literacy concepts in a fun way. The program is geared for infants through preschoolers and their grown-ups.
Takoma Park Maryland Library

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Join Senora Geiza for a 30-minute program highlighting basic Spanish vocabulary through songs and rhymes.
Takoma Park Maryland Library

The Spirit Club

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
Therapeutic recreation class for Takoma Park residents 17 and older
This class is designed for adults with developmental/ neurologic challenges. For more information, contact Jared Ciner at jciner@spiritclub.com or 303-883-4364.

Kid's Night Out

First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fun and games for kids

Teen Night

Second and fourth Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Games and activities just for teens

Takoma Park Farmers Market

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town
Every Sunday in the historic business district of the city, local, seasonal produce, breads, pasture-raised meats, artisan cheese, eggs, baked goods and more from farms located within 125 miles of Takoma Park are offered.

Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., through Nov. 27
On Anne Street at University Boulevard East (next to Mega Mart), Takoma Park
Enjoy the season's freshest fruits and vegetables, free-range eggs, local herbs, honey, locally-roasted coffee, fresh-cut flowers, and delicious prepared foods, drinks, and healthy snacks, as well as live music, healthy food demos, kids' art activities, health screenings, and free exercise sessions. Don't miss their upcoming special events: They'll be doubling SNAP and WIC up to \$50 on Nov. 13 and will be hosting their third annual Fest Before the Feast on Nov. 27, the last market day of 2019. Visit www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org.

Top Notch Toastmasters

Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Improve your communication and leadership skills. Top Notch Toastmasters meetings provide opportunities for positive, supportive development of personal and interpersonal skills that make you a better communicator, a better leader. Come to our meetings to sharpen your abilities, meet new friends, and make a difference in your life.

Community Self Defense

Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
6836 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park
Certified Gracie Jiu Jitsu Black Belt instruction
Free and open to all

Parents of Special Needs Adults (POSNA)

First Thursdays, 7 p.m.
TP Community Center
This support and advocacy group of parents and other loved ones of adults with special needs including autism, Down's syndrome, and severe chronic psychiatric challenges usually meets the first Thursdays of every month. For more information, contact Mary Muchui at muchui@aol.com.

VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENT

Aging Well Seminar: Legal Issues and Resources for Seniors

Thursday, Oct. 31, noon – 2 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center, Azalea Room
Join us to gain important information shared by an elder-law specialist from The Montgomery County Office of Maryland Legal Aid. This event is free and open to all, no pre-registration required. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, visit villageoftakomapark.com/calendar or call 301-646-2109.

Reduce it! Clever Ideas for How to Reduce and Reuse in Daily Living

Thursday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Tanya DeKona, also known as the "Green Elf," is a Takoma Park native with years of experience in reducing waste. Everyone uses resources, but resources can be used in intelligent ways (even some plastics!?) Come to this lively, interactive event to see and learn easy, creative ways that you can reduce waste in your home and community. When you reduce resource use, you take an active role in slowing climate change. You are guaranteed to walk away from this presentation with ideas that you can start using tomorrow.
Free

14th Annual Takoma Park Holiday Art Sale

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
TP Community Center
The popular Takoma Park Holiday Art Sale returns for its 14th year, offering a wide variety of original handmade work by local artists, including fine art, photography, jewelry, clothing, pottery, crafts, and more. Buy your holiday gifts early and support local artists who make Takoma Park a creative place to live and shop.

ARTS AND LITERATURE

People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.

Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Takoma Park Community Band

Mondays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Ave.
Join the Takoma Park Community Band for weekly rehearsals at the Heffner Park Community Center. No audition required, just plenty of enthusiasm.

Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.
Learn hand drumming

Blues Mondays

Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, 9 – 11 p.m.
Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW

Jazz Jam

Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. NW
Open mic for jazz musicians

Wednesday Night Drum Jams

Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St. NW
Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

Puppet Lab

First Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon
Rhizome DC, 6950 Maple St NW
Puppet Lab's purpose is to be a hub for all those interested in puppet theater who would benefit from boosting creative power, honing puppet-manipulation skills, cross-pollinating ideas, receiving feedback about works in progress, and building local puppet community. Suggested \$5-10 donation

Poldark's Cornwall: Fantasies and Realities of Georgian England

Lecture by University of Maryland scholar Julie Taddeo
Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
In the wildly popular British TV series Poldark, the fantasies of Georgian England and its historical realities aren't far apart. Captain Ross Poldark, a fictional character from a series of novels by British author Winston Graham, returns defeated after fighting in the American War of Independence to discover his Cornwall estate in ruins and his former fiancée engaged to his cousin. He then buckles down and reopens his family's copper mines, marries his kitchen servant, and fights for economic and social justice for his employees. University of Maryland scholar Julie Taddeo will share her insights about Poldark and late 18th-century England. Taddeo has published articles and books about Edwardian London, British period drama TV series, and other historical topics.

Kids Author Andrea Beaty

Friday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Takoma Park Library
The library will host author Andrea Beaty, who is known for a series of best-selling picture books called the Questioners series. Beaty will be joined by Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart, who will talk briefly about how she got involved in politics and offer advice for aspiring young politicians in the audience about how they can make a difference in their community. See page 8 for details.

Carroll Café

Friday, Nov. 8, 7:30
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
Greg Greenway has been described as "one of the strongest and finest voices in folk music," and his singer/songwriter tradition traces its roots to the social awareness of Woody Guthrie. His guitar, piano, and ukulele reflect inspiration from all over – gospel, rock, blues, jazz, and world music.
\$18 in advance, \$20 at the door
Tickets and info: <http://carrollcafe.org>

Community Stories Film Festival

Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Celebrate local filmmakers and local stories at the opening screening of the 10th annual Community Stories Film Festival. Organized by Docs in Progress, the free festival will feature short documentaries on local topics, including videos made in Takoma Park by youth from spring and summer camps. Come enjoy the films, meet the filmmakers, and learn more about the people, places, and happenings in our community. The full schedule of festival films and locations is available at www.docsinprogress.org/communitystories. See page 5 for more info.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Four prominent local poets will read their work on a wide variety of themes with a reception following the reading where the audience can meet the poets, including Judith Bowles, Jona Colson, Kristin Ferragut, and NaBeela Washington.

Carpe Diem Revels Community Family Sing

Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
The Carpe Diem Revels Family Community Sing is an opportunity for singers of all ages and backgrounds to participate in the experience of singing together in harmony, celebrating diverse cultures and traditions of song. The event features numerous special guest song leaders.
Suggested \$5 donation

African Dance Party with Radio Legend Georges Collinet

Friday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Legendary radio host Georges Collinet has shared an eclectic mix of African music with a worldwide audience during more than half a century on the air. He will tell stories about his life of radio programming in and about Africa and will share rare unseen video and audio footage from his life's journey and friendships with Africa's biggest stars. Eme and Michael, hosts of the popular Jolly Papa African music program on Takoma Radio, will serve as emcees and lead their D.C. Highlife Stars and Friends band that will take the stage after Collinet. See page 5 for more details.
Free Event with \$10 suggested donation

UPCOMING EVENTS

Crossroads Holiday Market

Sunday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
TP Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Ave.
Come out for the Crossroads Holiday Market, located on the lawn adjacent to the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Featuring handmade goods and artisan crafts, unique gift ideas from local businesses, baked good, hot beverages, and live holiday music. Festive, free, family-friendly fun. Hosted by the Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority.



Why Are the Oaks Dying?

Beetles, Borers and What You Can Do

Community Workshop
Monday, Nov. 4, 7–9 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Recently Takoma Park (as well as the entire DMV area) experienced a large increase in the number of oaks dying, especially white oaks. Join several

local experts to learn what is known so far about the causes and what steps residents can take. The meeting will include brief presentations from tree experts followed by a question and answer period. The experts include Colleen Kenny, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service; Keith Pitchford, independent tree care consultant, Pitchford and Associates; Sara Jensen, arborist, SavATree; and Christopher Larkin, arborist, Bartlett Tree Experts.